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After Ten Years.

Mr. BRYAN's opinion as to the d sirability of Government ownership of tant modification in the ten years that have passed since his return from his trip around the world in 1906. On Thursday he told the Newlands investigating committee:

"I, personally, can't say I desire Gov enment ownership."

"I lean to the individual idea rather than the collective."

"I believe in individual ownership exin Government ownership if proper regu-

foined sentences in that address:

"I have already reached the conclusion that railroads partake so much of the nature of a monopoly that they must ultimately become public property and be managed by public officials in the interest of the whole community, in accordance with the well defined theory that public ownership is necessary where competition is impossible."

"I have reached the conclusion that there will be no permanent relief on the railroad question from discrimination between individuals and between places, and from extertionate rates, until the rallroads are the property of the Gov ernment and operated by the Government, in the interests of the people."

"The greatest danger of a republic the consolidation of all power at the capitol remote from the people, and because I believe that the ownership of all the would so centralize power as to virtu- addendum about the mobilization of man, paid toll to a real estate com- a pair in the near future. There are ally obliterate State lines, instead of fa. | the National Guard for service on the voring the Federal ownership of all railroads, I favor the Federal ownership of trunk lines only, and the State ownership of all the rest of the railroads."

What Mr. BRYAN's present project for Government control of railroad capitalization and bond issues involves is not clear. He would have railroad ately back of the regular army." ernment bonds"; if the earnings put the stock up by 10 per cent, he would have a readjustment of rates. As 110 was bid this week for Government fours. Mr. BRYAN, it is to be assumed. would be pleased to have the authorities indulge in some financial legerdemain to depress their price. This would be as defensible as the institution of a sliding scale of freight and passenger rates designed to reduce the market price of railroad shares.

The hope, inspired by Mr. BRYAN's abandonment of Government ownership of the railroads, that his logical processes are improving is not sustained by his stock regulation design. He remains a hopelessly muddled and muddling political guide for the thoughtiess. And it must astonish him to find that with regard to the ownership of railroads he has succeeded in getting into harmony, as to certain details, with the New York Chamber of Commerce.

Forest Fires in the East.

New Jersey is the first sufferer in the present forest fire senson in the Power an adequate number of well larger share of the river's volume. East. The damage, estimated at \$200,- trained officers drawn mainly from It is a perplexing problem to know 000, has been inflicted mostly upon West Point and Annapolis would be what to do. Nature is playing into the northern part of the State, Flames needed. Accordingly he proposes a Canada's hands. That country alfanned by a high wind imperilled system of preparatory schools through- ready controls most of the show. We property around Greenwood Lake, and a blaze near the Somerset-Hunterdon taught "the rudiments of a sound edu- impair the beauty of her Fulls merely clear to me county line swept a mountainside and ention, the elements of mechanical to prevent our own from dwindling to before it was controlled threatened skill, the principles of business coordi- insignificance. the State Village for Epileptics.

vice this is the danger season in the ing the right kind of young men for of her sex responsible for the East. In the North and West the the military and navai academies and flag throwing incident in the Hall of great forests of conifers, situated at other young men for auxiliary indus. Representatives at Washington is as comparatively high altitudes or latitivial service in the event of war. tudes, are covered with snow and safe from fire danger. But the ground of from an efficiency expert, but beautithe Eastern forests is usually at this ful as the theory looks on paper we season dry and covered with inflam- doubt if it would be workable. The mable fullen leaves. This menace re- young men thus educated in a country mains until the winter fall of rain or full of admirable schools, colleges and snow and constitutes a period of anx- universities could hardly be bound lety for the fire fighters.

danger has not been entirely obviated. husetts, which has made a special study of preventive measures and has enforced restrictions upon hunters and railway companies, had 3,008 forest fires last year, entalling loss of \$141.073.

Rathway locomothers were held re sponsible for 344 of the 1.281 forest fires so far this year. The remaining 937 were caused mostly by the carelessness of hunters, smokers and persons who failed to extinguish camp fires in the woods.

Despite all the warnings, caution and attempts to impress upon people the great danger and loss from fores fires, carelessness that amounts in many cases to criminal negligence remains the principal cause of the destruction of one of our valued natural resources. Individual care and precaution are more important in preventing forest fires than watch towers, wardens and the operations of a capable officer like Admiral Benson an improved forestry service.

They Seem to Like It.

Thousands of men and women who ble every day by riding in the subway. of the approval of the act. For the patronize a transportation system that inizing ship yard limitations at the months ago passed the limit of its present time, including scarcity of reasonable capacity, ignoring the fa- skilled labor, submits a building procilities offered by the overhead lines. on which extensive improvements have buttle cruiser, besides vessels of been made recently to provide the rellef demanded by the community. They refuse to assist in that distribution of traffic by which the well nigh feet submarines. The Secretary's intolerable situation now existing plan is more in keeping with working might be rendered endurable

The carriers and the Public Service their trips from one end of Manhattan cept when competition is impossible, and elevated trains, the better accommodations offered in their cars, the convenience of the stations; all are cited It was in the evening of August 30, to induce New Yorkers to serve their 1906, that Mr. BRYAN, in a long own best interest. But a citizenship speech delivered in Madison Square accustomed to its morning and eve-Garden, formally declared himself an ning crush refuses to take the few exadvocate of Government ownership tra steps that are involved, declineof railroads, and gave the outline of to go in the open air when it might the scheme he had in mind. His con- avoid the cellar of the town, and convictions on this subject and his plans tinues to jam itself to ill temper, apwere sufficiently disclosed in the sub- parently with the sole purpose of demonstrating to how much trouble it will go to perpetuate a common excase for complaint.

Perhaps the city may be forced to post policemen to drive subwayites to the elevated railroads. It cannot per mit the crowding in the undergrounto pass the danger point it has reached. And if the day comes when such a control is asserted over personal liberty, what a howl will be raised by those who, rather than sacrifice a single excuse for kicking, are willing to undergo the unnecessary torture of an hour a day in the over flowing subway!

Our Army and Our Navy.

The present Secretary of War's first annual report is a disappointment Much of what he has to say about its affairs is mere surplusage, a résumé of army legislation by Congress at its last session, an account of the Perorder.

Secretary BAKER distributes compiliments freely. Features of the mobili- long green. zation that dismayed friends of the National Guard seem to have made no cepts complacently the theory that the only reliable milk, Toxy the only mer- tremely high priced class. guard is "the line of defence immedi- chant with really cold ice and Ixstock kept at par "as staple as Gov- What did make a profound impression for miles. And now that he knows upon him was the intervention of the it he will say What of it? and pro-Young Men's Christian Association to ceed as usual. provide "recreational opportunities" for the guardsmen on the border. Mr. BAKER submits that the Government should take over this work.

is a matter that finds Mr. BAKER opti- | lean side of Ningara Falls is likely to mistic in spite of his admission that disappear if the present volume of the Department has been unable to se. water is allowed to continue over the cure the recruits needed. To him it is Canadian or Horseshoe Falls. encouraging that "during June, July | The American Falls carry less than ures were and are now.

nation, and the beginnings of mill-According to the Federal Forest Ser- tary science," with a view to develop-

The inspiration must have come over to go to either West Point or to a great body of carnest suffragists, of with which this firm of shoe manufac In Massachusetts, Maine and the Annapolis, and in the event of war in- such sitly demonstrations at the ex-Adirondack region of this State, dustrial service could not be exacted pense of ordinary decorum. which were in the past the greatest of them. The expense of such Governsufferers, much has been done to re- ment preparatory schools has probably sluce the losses, but while within this not been calculated by Mr. BAKER. area there have been no disastrous As there are a great many institutions

forest fires in the past few years, the in the land that now train Boys in military science and give them a practical education in mechanics, engineering, mining, &c., and as the national defence act provides for organizing them into a reserve officers' training corps, it is from those institutions that we may also expect acressions to the military and naval academies. Mr. BAKER's proposal will

hardly be seriously considered. It is a pleasure to turn to the painstaking and businesslike report of the Secretary of the Navy. Poetry and sentimentality are absent from it this year. Mr. Daxiers has broadened and risen to the occasion. In Admiral a sagacious and energetic Chief of Naval Operations to guide him, Happily Mr. DANIELS can take advice. We are not obliged to agree with him that a General Staff of the Navy is no longer necessary, but a good substitute is the Office of Naval Operations when is in charge.

which Mr. DANIELS deals is the carrying out of the three year programme authorized by Congress. Nearly half live within easy walking distance of of the total number of ships are to be the elevated railroads make themselves laid down as soon as practicable, at and others unnecessarily uncomforta- least contracted for within six months From laziness or force of habit they fiscal year 1918 the Secretary, recoggramme of three battleships and one smaller type. The General Board had proposed four battleships and two battle cruisers, and extra destroyers and conditions. We believe he is right when he says that "it will tax the Commission plead with the public to Government and private yards, even use their heads in selecting roads for after new facilities are provided, to build the ships recommended for the to the other. The good speed of the fiscal year 1918 and complete those heretofore authorized."

Bribery Below Stairs.

The revelations made by a janitres to the Wicks legislative committee are interesting if not important because they confirm certain suspicions long entertained by a timid citizenry concerning the graft nearest home. Almost every apartment dweller has drawn the conclusion, from the burning anxiety of the basement lord as to the newcomer's supplies of milk ice and rolls, that there was something in it for him who once was called lanitor but who now has the title of superintendent.

The figures given by the witness light up the subject. To her, captain of the gate of a new apartment house, the purveyors of food and ice "came across" splendidly. From \$10 to \$25 from the Purling Spring Milk Farm: \$15 or \$20 and free ice from Toxy. the leeman; free bread and rolls from IMMERSCHIAF, the baker; add to this free rent, a salary and vails from the tenants and you have an idea of Janitorial prosperity. In an older apartment house the scale is arranged per customer; it used to be \$1 for every family taking a quart of milk, but now it is only half as much. A reformed leeman told the committee that his bonus to innitors was \$2 for every

Now the flat holder knows just what was the price paid for telling MERSCHIAF the only sanitary baker

Niagara's Recession.

The Secretary of War, Newton Recruiting for the authorized army eign Affairs Committee that the Amer-

and August, 1916, the number of en- five per cent, of the entire flow. The listments increased practically 175 per Horseshoe Fails, measured along the cent, over the number for the corre-curving edge, are nearly three times sponding months in 1915," but he does as wide. The likeness to a horseshoe not disclose what the recruiting fig. has been spoiled by erosion, which being increased and there will be quite As we have indicated, Mr. Baker's to have been proceeding at about the next few months according to present report is largely retrospective and sta- rate of five feet a year and has taken tistical. It is an aid to learn what place most noticeably in the centre of Congress did for the army at the last the arc. The edge of the American session, but it is barren of construct Falls is receding at a much slower tive speculation and helpful recom- pace, from two and a half to seven mendations are the exception. How and a half inches a year, it is estiever, Mr. Baker does realize that If mated. As the Canadian Falls drop the United States should ever be in- more rapidly back toward Lake Erie

out the nation in which should be can hardly expect her materially to

The rebuke administered by Mrs. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT to the persons dignified as it is severe. It correctly represents, we believe, the opinion of vast majority of respectable and reasonable women engaged in the orwoman suffrage cause in this country. Sensible citizens of both sexes, no matter how they feet about the main question, will commend and admire this plain spoken disayowal, in behalf of desire for free hides, a Democratic ide

Russia, France and England have girded up their loins and will fight on. If the final authorize of the struggle should be the restoration of the status

que ante what will posterity say of of men? Possibly the war that would shortly follow the struggle now raging would be so universally devastating that posterity would become an im-

The fundamental trouble with draws is that they always lead to return

Bucharest has been evacuated by the Rumanian troops. The forces to the south of Bucharest have also retired.—

Petrograd bulletin.

Such is the version of the German victory that officially softens the blow to Russian prestige. The responsi-WILLIAM S. BENSON the Secretary has but the Czar's Government must shoulder most of it. For nearly two years Rumania was solicited and en-treated to enter the war on the side of the Entente Allies, and vielded Russia was not ready with reenforcements and equipment-and it was the Rumanians who saved the Russian army at Plevna in the war of

1876-771 Railroad facilities were all ready and at hand to transport a great army to Bucharest from the Bukowina menaced by the Russians, and from by way of Constanta; but there was concentration upon anything like an adequate scale. either with the ordering of Russian resources or with Russian strategy Some day the true story of the ig the present time it is the great mys. tery of the war. With a commo frontier and railways crossing it there seems to be no excuse for permitting the Rumanians to be driven from their capital.

Secretary BAKER should read Major. General Hugh L. Scorr with more care than he has expended upon the writings of the late JOHN FISKE.

We are willing to believe that a bear carried off a hog at Hibbing. Minn.; that seven fish, frozen for months, swam when thawed: that a Pennsylvanian caught a wildcat with bare hands: that the wolves in our zoo are howling for snow; that porcupine have invaded Salt Lake; that a Maine cat dives to catch frogs; that a wolf and that Mr. DITMARS's snails will est nothing but hearts of lettuce at 19 cents a head. Authentic tales about nimals delight us. But the red headed alligator seen in Kansas, no! There are no scales on STUBBS.

dent in 1920 has been started may not be surprising, but it is astonishing to

Loans asked by 50,000 farmers.-News Prosperity turns men into financiers

VILLA is killing Englishmen, Germans and Chinamen. He seems to be under the influence of a very uncompromising Monroe Doctrine of his own

The profitable policy for janitors is

PROFIT ON SHOES

Retallers West Wate From \$1 \$2.50 a Pair. According to Locality.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Again referring to shoe prices, I think one ures quoted by me might possibly give the same as the reported utterances of customer. Another witness, a milk. pany, Boston, that shoes would cost \$20 pany for a list of tenants. In that with statements of this character. Mr. nored and the man higher up got the about 1 per cent, of the shoe production, the extreme high grade made from the finest leathers, which in the custom shops now cost around \$15 a pair. I was endeavoring to speak of the great impression upon Mr. Bakes. He ne. him that the Purling Spring was the mass of production not yet in the ex. and Christians. And the Christians Mr. Stewart's early years and does not

Retailers in large cities in the best rented localities should receive a profit of \$2.50 net a pair in order to do business safely and correctly. In the medium class of cities there should be a retail net profit of \$1.50 a pair, and in the crowded city retailing stores there should be a net profit of \$1 a pair it basis. The above figures refer to shoes DIEHL BAKER, has told the House For- for men and women and not misses and children.

The shoe retailer on the whole has hern up to within a few months past reason of the many returned shoes concerning which fictitious claims are is forced to meet the demands of the customer in the larger number of instances because this is looked upon as the correct business attitude.

Shoemaking labor prices are now seems, for the last two hundred years, an activity in this direction during the indications, and shoes figured for next spring and summer undoubtedly have these conditions under consideration.

I notice that the Endicott-Johnse Company of Binghamton, N. Y., makes the statement that it proposes "to fight the leather trust," and will not increase prices. Where it gets the idea of a leather trust" I do not know, because everybody understands that the Amerivolved in a conflict with a first class they tend to receive & larger and can tide and Leather Company and the Central Leather Company, by some neople considered trusts, were not guilty of making any profits before the war. The leather business is very much on a competitive basis. Why any firms or manufacturers should seek to advertise themselves on a contrary basis is not at all

The Endicott-Johnson Company cently secured a large amount of pulslicity in a national way because of its placing its workers on an eight hour basis. If the prices paid for labor in the Endicott-Johnson factory prevailed in Massachusetts I dare say manufacturers in this State would be willing to place their labor on a six or seven hour day basis. Nothing like the low wages pald in the Endicott-Johnson factory prevail in Massachusetts shoe factories.

There was considerable surprise in the shoe trade because of the Endicott-Johnson Company declaring for the Democratic party in the recent election. but this is explained by the company' turers is impressed because it does its own tanning. As General Hancock once remarked, "the tariff appears to be a local question," and some people migh

Boston, December 1.

"WOMEN OF ALL KINDS."

Suffrage Lander Condemns the

gists in general for what happened

on Him by the Artist? Silly Performance at Washington. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The repest and hardest prejudice in the ablic mind which the woman movement as had to overcome is the common ac ceptance of the idea that women are single class, each individual possessing the same motives, the same intelligence and the same characteristics as every

ther. It has required three generations street and Fifth avenue. of agitation and of demonstration in ollege and school, factory, work shop, ome and club to prove to the world hat there are as many kinds of women relie of that old belief arises continually BROOKLYN, December 8. So it happens that some of the New York press have hastened to scold suffra-

bers Street Store.

the House of Representatives the other To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: address. The Woman Suffrage party of ganization having hundreds of thou sands of members and numbers in that membership very many of the best thown men and women in every department of its varied life. That organisiderably faded. zation is attempting to persuade the of this State the vote. That organiza-

tion is New York's auxiliary of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, which has forty-seven other s an excellent likeness. men are doing constructive educational signed his initials on the cash

able way possible. They had nothing whatever to do with the demonstration; they do not approve of it, nor of similar lemonstrations which without doubt will The world looks to the press to pro- ment at Broadway and Chambers street. vide data for accurate history. If the A portrait of A. T. Stewart was painted press of New York and of our country ives up to that standard it must at the Thomas LeClear, with whom I was well outset of this departure in suffrage methods make a clear distinction between my opinion of it. Ringswood, N. J., December 8. the great body of organized suffragists who are making their appeal to the reason of the country and the very small A Bareheaded Alexander. minority which, growing impatient with

the tardiness of favorable action by Congress, resorts to cheap publicity. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT. New York, December 8.

WHAT JAPAN WANTS. Her Purpose Is Defined, Her Spirit

Earnest, but She Is Not a Menace. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Alow me to congratulate you on the edi- tast edition in 1881. torial article on Mr. Sato, the new Japanese Ambassador, both for its spirit he people of the country ought to know. dispelling the silly scare, applicable only on the ground of ignorance, of an attack on us by Japan. It is fortunate nese understand us much better than we

More even than you stated was done only were illiterates among them taught and letters home written for them by Japanese priests of the Eastern Church but foreign missionaries were permitted

to do similar work. The most interesting service I eve the Communion to some hundreds of these prisoners. It was the first use made of a new hospital building, which the Japanese officials but at my disfor my convenience and that of the men

what I was to say or do There are important facts that our portant of all is that although there are only about 200,000 Japanese church members, Japan as a whole is in more than one important sense Christian, not five years, and some time ago made a "heathen." A generation ago the more study of the known portraits of Stewart highly educated men of Japan were tion of God was a high and pure one.

superseded raphy. The representatives of the "three religious" who a few years ago were Davis, speaks of a daguerreotype of called together by a high dovernment Stewart which is to be reproduced in a official to consult on questions of populate we dition of Appleton's Cyclopedia. far morality were Shintolsts, Buddhists but that daguerreotype was taken in were the leaders in the conference. As represent him to the best advantage a Japanese clergyman once put it to incidentally, Mr. Davis could not have me, "All that the Japanese people know been aware that what purports to be a about Confucianism is what the Christian new edition of Appleton's Cyclopedia preachers tell them." Confucianism was was published last year, containing the the Old Testament of the Japanese, and

has been superseded by the New As for the two other religions, the retailers are to do business on a correct ago that Shinto had no "religious" (perhaps better translated "doctrinal") significance, and Japanese Buddhism is not at all the speculative system known to scholars. It is mostly the worship of been coming out at the small end of the Amida (Amitabha), who is all powerful, and saves all who call upon him Some Max Müller, when asked by a mission-

"Amida is God." vout Buddhist. And the answer is be- clean the sidewalk in front of and accept, invitations to lecture to enough to do for the rest. students in training schools that prepare

for the Buddhist priesthood. this has been their attitude toward Eu- fat. Snow shovelling is a refreshing and rope and America. The "Yellow Per l" is not that of being conquered or injured in war by Japan, but of being bas its reputation for being good huoutstripped in social progress.

We Americans are quite unreserved cranks in the coming snow tests greatest nation in the world other nations say the same of themselves Japan Is. There an Aristocracy Among is, if not singular, at least preeminen its determination to be the greatest. and that not by war but by the arts and studies of peace. If there is ever road to reach that goal?

THEODOSIUS S. TYNG. ASHLAND, N. H., December 8.

Missourian Keeps Alive an Ancient Art.

From the Cass County Leader. Notwithstanding the quill pen gave way the steel pen, and this to the gold pen. thich is being retired by the typewriter. Deputy County Clerk W. C. S. Lackey of Ripley county still uses a quill pen in most of his official work. He is an expert at shaping the point of the goose quill pen which, by the way, is quite a trick.

In Terms All Can Understand. From the Anderson Mail Cotton is worth almost its weight

> Notable Instance. The open window practice is spreading mightily. See Russia now demanding A window to the sea

Was an Unfashionable Hat Impos

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1870, going into the cashler's department at the start. I came in personal contact with Mr. Stewart daily from hat time until his death, and carrie Stewart at their residence, Thirty-fourth

in the picture printed in THE SUN not recognise the "high hat, which, I think, was a style worn before the war, and must have been sketched

Mr. Stewart's Last Act in the Cham-

regard to the portrait of Alexander Stewart I fully corroborate the remarks of "N. T." The original was a pencil employee, and subsequently photo-graphed. He gave me two copies, and now have one in my possession con-

I was in the cashler's office of A. Stewart & Co. and successors 1865 to 1895, consequently came frequently in contact with Mr. Stewart. This sketch

April 1, 1876, Mr. Stewart came in the office, asked me for \$50, gave the money to his office young man for a wedding present and told him not to be extravagant. This was the last stroke of the pen, and the last act he after his death by the late artist acquainted and who asked me to give

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: IT Tue SUN of December 6 appears a picture of Mr. Stewart in which he is shown wearing a high hat. There was a much better portrait published in "The People's Library," a compendium of un versal knowledge, historical, scientific nechanical and statistical, comprising the origin of many things not generally known, compiled, arranged and pub lished by R. M. Washburn, Chicago, the

This work contains the portraits of William B. Astor, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and for its statement of facts that all George Stephenson, Samuel F. B. Morse and that if known would be heleful in picture in The Sun, Mr. Stewart has a beard, but the upper lip is smooth. He is bareheaded and the hair at the side above the ear is brushed forward, The forehead is high and the hair in front appears somewhat thin. He wears the SUN picture. The collar of the coat for Russian war prisoners in Japan. Not appears to be velvet. It is a threequarter view picture. Messrs. Marder to read and write their own language Luse & Co., a Chicago firm of typefounders, did the electrotype work this book, a copy of which I have,

CRAIG MINER. NEW YORK, December 8

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Mr. Stewart was averse to having his portrait made during his lifetime. There were nevertheless several portraits made of trial barkening to a decision which before he died; some were reproduced before his death and some afterward. painting of one of his portraits. At the not gun power, for speed in order to Most im- produced another portrait in wood en-

famous Americans for the past twenty-The best Ekeness, taken at the height of The Confucian concept his fame, is reproduced with his biography in Volume VII., page 352, of The But Confucianism has disappeared, and National Cyclopedia of American Biog-

One of your correspondents, Harry same Stewart biography that was the old edition in its proper alphabetical place, so that there can be no reason Japanese Government announced long for publishing his daguerreotype in some other volume not yet published.

JAMES T. WHITE & Co. NEW YORK, December 5.

The Citizen With the Shovel TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The

twenty years ago a Buddhist priest, who snowstorms and blizzards will soon be had studied Sanscrit in England under upon us, and it will not be possible for "Who is Amida" answered, them, for lack of immigration has made labor scarce. There was a time honored No better short statement could be ordinance providing that the police made of the faith of the ordinary designed another of residences to oming even more true if possible, for premises. This ordinance ought to be Christian missionaries in these days get, restored, and the department will have

There is no need to wail Let us not be a nation of mollycoddles. Let us don It has been characteristic of Japan our mittens and cheerfully take up the from early times to find, adopt and adapt shovel, with an occasional jibe and a the good in alien civilizations. Long ago well aimed snowball. Let us be good they took the best of the civilization natured about it. The exercise, executed granted that no such changes have first of Corea, then of China, then of early in the morning, will give flesh to occurred India. And for half a century and more the lean and reduce the weight of the gladdening exercise, and for the rest it mored; let us retain that and not turn

Street Car Hogs? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUS SO The

indiscriminate attacks upon street car persons of refined sensibility because they make no exception in favor of men with pretty feet, small feet, neat fitting shoes the unusual shine, the arched instep inherited from aristocratic ancestors used to the stirrup and the spur; such people only those with ugly, misshapen or exceeding large feet or wornout shoes who care to conceal them. PHTTSBURG, Pa., December 7.

The Half Nickel. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE. Wh.

not call the two and one-half cent piece WOODMERE, December &

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL AS the twenty-five mill coin would be of nickel and copper, call it an "alloy." New York, December 1. J. R. J.

MR. STEWART'S PORTRAIT. OUR DREADNOUGHTS OF BOTH TYPES MUST HAVE HIGH SPEED.

opinions but according to well recog-

It goes quite without saying that

gun power must not be sacrificed on

is the end itself. But to decide be-

refuse battle under terms of disad-

vantage; to gain tactically advanta-

enemy, thereby having a wider pos

vitals are well protected by his mus-

cular development; on the other hand,

further, for muscular development does

not decrease necessarily the prize-

By heavily coating a warship with

armor we do sacrifice speed, and in

consequence the group of which it will be a unit is deprived of all the ad-

use will be our gun power if we can-

not force our enemy to fight except

upon terms of disadvantage to us

Can we be sure that our armor will al-

It is an interesting historical fact

that this question in a somewhat dif-

The enormous size of their ships made

a faster fleet they were forced to fight

emy they were willing to fight under

power her enemies would avoid action

except when in superior numbers. The

consequence was, actions between the

fleets of England and those of France

and Spain were usually indecisive

this, the actions soon become decisive;

accomplish this identical purpose.

The battle cruiser is not, as many

power while keeping cruiser speed. The

ways counteract this handicap?

enumerated above, Of what

fighter's agility.

cannot pursue the simile any

positions during battle and to

nized principles of naval warfare.

In Order Not to Sacrifice Gun Power It Will Be Necessary to Reduc

The question as to armor and speed ideas have caused her to follow the of warships reminds one of Stockton's methods employed by France and Spain. Now finally having decided for perplexing story of "The Lady or the Tiger." One thing is certain, we can- a vessel of great speed carrying man heavy guns, why should we not have our cake and eat it too; we this type of cruiser at all? once and for all must decide the relaname battle cruiser misleading? 10 tive importances of gun power, speed not more in accordance with the rea and ermor in our capital ship consons for the decision to call these ve struction. For a ship of a given cost sels battleships? If we think of then and tonnage it is impossible to de- as battleships, we shall be less tisely mand a maximum of all the above to commit the error of giving then fewer guns or guns that are of characteristics; they must be adlighter calibre. justed not in accordance with personal It is understood that our

ships appropriated for this year an to carry eight 16 inch guns and battle cruisers ten 4 inch guns No nation can afford to build a battle

board our heavy fighting ships. This cruiser or high speed buttleship and the most important of its duties cause of all our difficulties. Superior therefore must arm it for that ver speed enables a warship or a fleet to Having given it high speed service. by sacrificing some armor, then while the battle line it must be capab giving more punishment than it s This can be accomplished concentrate more quickly than a slower two ways: with a heavier calibre gun than its opponent in the enemsible limit of dispersion. A ship with its vital parts heavily shielded with equal calibre con-

Once we have started sacrificing armor for more and heavier guns and increased speed, where can we place the limit?

In the battle of Jutland the the British battle cruisers sunk were de stroyed by magazine explosions. hells doing the damage were fire German battle cruisers and not as has been stated in the press, ha mation seriously upset the Washington who were not full vinced in the beginning and an was made to several well know opinions had been shaken to since that the British battle ferent form arose several centuries ago owed their destruction to faulti when Great Britain was engaged in signed turrets that permitted the f breaking the backbone of the French of an exploding shell inside a tare and Spanish sea power. The latter na- find its way to the magazines. The tions sacrificed speed to gun power: gagement was at its height and they built their ships of the line to was most rapid; doubtless there was carry many guns of a large calibre, train of powder from magazine to breech of guns. This of course them difficult to sail and especially to have occurred equally manguvre quickly. Once overtaken by the most heavily armed dreads Ammunition supply should toints, and safety inecautions or but being able to hurl a greater weight of metal from each unit than the en- tised in peace are to be used in To disregard them will ever such conditions. Great Britain found gerous, if not fatal, and no arm that if she built warships of equal gun armor can possibly secure safety The submarine during the prese

U-53 is said to have a surface England then began to build warships; of maintaining that speed for se that could outsail and outmanguvre thousand miles. Our future buttles the enemy. Once having accomplished greater than eighteen knots, in f the faster English ships concentrated it should be not less than twenty kn upon a part of the enemy line and, as in order to allow for progress in is termed, annihilated it in detail, marine engines. Armor is of nov England in those days sacrificed gun against the submarine torpedo like power for speed. It is, then, not at speed has become, then the all odd that she should in this hour portant character sta

war has arrived to strengthen the

A high speed dreadnought flee brought victory to her centuries ago, battle cruisers, should be America so be willing to-day to sacrifice armor, I cision. To accomplish this armor armor should be retained report from Europe says have claimed, an offshoot from the Admiralty has cancelled a battleship; it is a big sister to all the for armor plate. We are a se-

the battleship's offensive and defensive plate factory England's lead in battachin consequence has been that its gun struction embedies the offensive power is less and armor thinner than of warfare and is shown to be the battleship's. The United States has from both historical precedent

ASIATIC LABOR.

Representative Siegel Finds No Senti- But Is English a Gleaming Excaling ment in Favor of Its Admission.

not built battle cruisers; her defensive the results of the present war

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The letter of Schuyler V. V. Hoffman has English language is a same been read with keen interest here. I am battle of life. Shaped fr the member of the Committee on Im- forged on Anglican and s. ur again migration and Naturalization who de- Norman skill, tempered with the grant of the committee of the committ livered the lecture on immigration to fashioned with Greenan which he makes reference.

Mr. Hoffman said that his investiga- and used with American detions showed that citizens in very large, blade is belined with golden to numbers had expressed views in favor with gemmed poetry and be del s of the abrogation of the present Chinese the koh-i-nour of Shake-pears exclusion laws and also the gentlemen's valibur beyond all price. agreement existing between Japan and

the United States I was exceedingly interested in what wield this splendid arm wit he had to say, as I did not claim to and strength through life. have knowledge as to what was the proper use makes him more real sentiment on the Pacific coast at and able. the present time. Since returning to Yet this wonderful wear Washington, however, I have made in- cleave from crown through quiries among my colleagues from Calis pelve, so stanch is its str fornia. Washington and Oregon and can gleam like a smaft of cannot learn from them that there has exquisite is its dainty grabeen any recent change in sentiment that thought, effort, among their neighbors, friends, ac- genius can make quaintances or business men which and in its stead is chosewould in any way tend to confirm the tive free agents, a spin to views expressed by Mr. Hoffman.

I have not as yet found any news, and mentative pauperish paper of the three States mentioned Let us have speech editorially advocating Mr. Hoffman's views, and I must therefore take it for

Again, it must be borne in mind that Chinese exclusion laws have been enacted by and with the consent of the Chinese Government and that our exclusion of certain Japanese and coolles is termine for itself as to which kind of quets are being super immuscration it desires.

numination it desires.

ISAAC SIGNEL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 1 A large number of pure series of the country of the

A Christmas Idyl. New Polly has come home to spend

Her Christmas holldays. of my unburdened ways: For Polly must be entertained And taken to and out Must speed the merry rout With matinees and thes dansants

My afternoons fly by ; And that's not all my lady wants The dinners that enchant her heart. The plays that end too soon.

But though my porkets will be Ere she goes back to school. And I could well afford to spare The sometimes golden rule, the thing she cannot take from This time—right here I score My heart is safe from Jeopards For it was hers before

JAMES OWEN TETON.

LET US HAVE SPEECH

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